

Abstract

Data transfer method and arrangement

A data transfer method for topping up a prepaid electronic credit associated with a service user over a data and telecommunication network, essentially in real time, where the service user is the holder of a first electronic settlement account, and a service operator is the holder of a second electronic settlement account, and, in response to a transfer signal transmitted from a terminal of the service user, the prepaid credit is increased by a predetermined electronic sum of money and, at the same time, the sum of money is transferred from the first settlement account to the second settlement account.

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